**Manufacture of Amaebocyte Lystate**

898. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a chemical called amaebocyte lystate can be manufactured from the blood of a crab available in abundance in the coast of Orissa State, which can be used to prepare kits to diagnose certain disease and also for mandatory tests by drugs firms and hospitals;

(b) whether Government have not accepted the lystate test for inclusion in the Indian pharmacopoeia while approving drugs test; and

(c) whether Government will allow the manufacture of this chemical which can become a major foreign exchange carrier ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Limulus Amoebocyte Lysate can be used for testing pyrogens in injectable preparations. The suggestion to include limulus Amoebocyte Lysate test as an alternate for rabbit pyrogen test in Indian Pharmacopoeia was considered by the I.P. Committee. Keeping in view the position of this test in other pharmacopoeias, it was decided by the Committee that time is not ripe to make this test official in Indian Pharmacopoeia. Manufacturers desirous of using LAL test in their "inhouse testing" may make use of this test but statutory sample would be tested as per the official Rabbits' method.

**Manufacture of Cancer-Prone Item**

899. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

SHRI SOM PAL :

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that manufacture of Cancer prone item like Afla Olefins and Sultone is taking place in the country ;

(b) whether this item is being produced with the technical collaboration of a Multinational Company which have yet to prove its technical feasibility in its own country ;

(c) whether Government are aware that the said item is used in the manufacture of detergents, and is being used by the general public; and

(d) whether Government's clearance was obtained before approving this project ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Systemic Lupus Erethematosis 'C' Fever**

900. SHRI B. K. HARIPARASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any incidence of people suffering from the Systemic Lupus Erethematosis 'C' fever disease in the country has come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, to what extent and whether the disease is curable; if so, the details of the places where its treatment is available; and

(c) if the seply to part (b) above is in the negative, whether the treatment is available abroad, if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) Case of people suffering from Systemic Lupus Erethematosis with fever is known. However, SLE is a connective tissue disorder and is not a notifiable disease and there is no registry of such cases in the matter. The disease is not completely curable though it can be managed by a judicious use of steroids. The disease is being managed in the major hospitals and some of the prominent institutes for its treatment are :—

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

2. Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute, Lucknow

3. Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh

4. Madras Medical College, Madras.

**Assistance of Aids-hit Workers**

901. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the scheme to assist AIDS-hit workers in hospitals and other areas.

(b) whether it is a fact that assistance is extended only till the date of retirement;

(c) what steps are being taken to institute a liberal scheme of assistance for medical workers and doctors; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce a liberal and generous insurance cover scheme for all medical personnel involved in treatment and research of AIDS patients ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (d) Ministry of Health and F. W. have not so far formulated any scheme to assist AIDS-hit workers in hospitals or other areas.

Consequent on the recent controversy arising out of the delivery of a child by an African National Lady in the Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, the Director General of Health Services convened a meeting of the Medical Superintendents of six major Delhi hospitals where a scheme for giving compensation to health care workers was *inter-alia* discussed. This recommendation is under consideration of the Government.

**Opening of C. G. H. S. Dispensary in Rohini**

902. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Central Government employees are living in Rohini colony of Delhi but there is no C. G. H. S. dispensary/hospital functioning in the area;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether a large number of representations have been received from the residents of the area for opening of C. G. H. S dispensary in Rohini for the benefit of Central Government employees;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon ; and

(e) by when Government propose to open C. G. H. S. dispensaries there ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The exact number of Government Employees residing in Rohini areas is not available. Although there is no C.G.H.S. Dispensary functioning in Rohini yet Hospital facility can be availed of from the nearest Delhi Administration Hospital.

(c) to (e) A few representations have been received from the residential Welfare Association.

The Number of Central Government Employees residing at Rohini as furnished by the Resident Welfare Associations does not fulfil the minimum criteria of 10,000—12,000 beneficaries or 2000—2500 Card Holders for opening a dispensary there.

903. [*Transferred to the 14th May*, 1992]

**Requirement of C.G.H.S. Beneficiaries for Homoeopathic Services**

904. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that C.G.H.S. beneficiaries attached with the North Avenue Allopathic dispensary have been attached with Homoeopathic dispensary at South Avenue which is about 4 Km. from their residences ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of representations have been